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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 36-58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 36-41 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 42-58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-35 are canceled and claims 36-58 are newly added in the amendment filed 11/17/2004. Claims 36-58 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 42-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ottesen et al. (US. Patent No. 5,930,493).

Regarding on claim 42, Ottesen teaches a method of video spidering, comprising:

dynamically identifying a script associated with at least one video on a network (compressed digital video bit-stream is then segmented or divided into a plurality of discrete video source program segment 48 by an indexer) (identify the digital video in the network) (col. 30, lines 30-35);

Parsing the identified script associated with the video (index parser parses the compressed digital program) (col. 9, lines 30-32);

Executing the parsed script to identify a container file (the compress digitalized program bit-stream is then segmented or divided into a plurality of discrete video source program segment 48 by an index parser 33) (col. 9, lines 30-35);

Parsing the identified container file (the multimedia programs that are made available in the mass storage device, or alternatively, stored across a plurality of mass storage device) (col. 9, lines 30-35);

Evaluating the parsed container file to identify a location identifier of video content (a first video segment 48, for example, may be encoded or tagged with an address identifier of "A1", while the second discrete video segment 48 may be encoded with an address "A2" (col. 9, lines 62-65); and

Storing the location identifier associated with the video content (an address table may be employed to provide mapping to physical storage locations associated with a particular virtual or indirect video segment address. Having indexed each of the video segments 48 with a unique address and stored the video segments on a mass storage device, such a digital storage device 35, reference to specific video segment 38 addresses provides an efficient means for organizing the video segments 48 in customized manner...') (col. 10, lines 1-8).

Regarding on claim 43, Ottesen teaches the method recited in claim 42, wherein evaluating the parsed container file comprises excluding advertising content (col. 9, lines 30-35).

Regarding on claim 44, Ottesen teaches the method recited in claim 42, wherein additionally comprising launching video content for playback on a visual display according to the location identifier (col. 6, lines 30-40).

Regarding on claim 45, Ottesen teaches the method recited in claim 44, wherein the script is programmed in Java script or Visual Basic script (col. 8, lines 10-17).

Regarding on claim 46, Ottesen teaches the method recited in claim 42, wherein the location identifier is a video uniform resource locator (URL) (multimedia server) (col. 8, lines 18-34).

Regarding on claim 48, Ottesen teaches a method of video spidering, comprising:

Dynamically identifying a script associated with at least one video on a network (compressed digital video bit-stream is then segmented or divided into a plurality of discrete video source program segment 48 by an indexer) (identify the digital video in the network) (col. 30, lines 30-35);

Parsing the identified script associated with the video (parsing indexes) (col. 9, lines 30-35);

Executing the parsed script to identify video content (the compressed digitized program bit-stream is then segmented or divided into a plurality of discrete video source program segments 48 by an index parser 33) (col. 9, lines 31-33);

Evaluating the executed script to generate a location identifier of the video content (a first video segment 48, for example, may be encoded or tagged with an

address identifier of "A1", while the second discrete video segment 48 may be encoded with an address "A2" (col. 9, lines 62-65); and

Storing the location identifier associated with the identified video content (an address table may be employed to provide mapping to physical storage locations associated with a particular virtual or indirect video segment address. Having indexed each of the video segments 48 with a unique address and stored the video segments on a mass storage device, such a digital storage device 35, reference to specific video segment 38 addresses provides an efficient means for organizing the video segments 48 in customized manner...') (col. 10, lines 1-8).

Regarding on claim 49, Ottesen teaches the method recited in claim 48, wherein the location identifier is video uniform resource locator (URL) (multimedia server) (col. 8, lines 18-34).

Regarding on claim 50, Ottesen teaches the method recited in claim 48, additionally comprising launching the identified video content for playback on a visual display according to the location identifier (col. 6, lines 30-40).

Regarding on claim 51, Ottesen teaches the method recited in claim 50, wherein launching the identified content comprises invoking a specific coded video player of a site containing the identified video based on the location identifier (col. 6, lines 30-40).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 52-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barton et al. (US. Patent No. 6,233,389 B1) in view of Ottesen et al. (US. Patent No. 5,930,493).

Regarding on claim 52, Barton teaches a method of video spidering, comprising:

Dynamically identifying a script associated with at least one video on a network (the input streams flows through a parser 401) (col. 5, line 3);

Parsing the identified script associated with the video (the parser 401 parses the stream looking for MPEG distinguished events indicating the start of video, audio or private data segments) (col. 5, lines 3-6);

Executing the parsed script to identify content (when parser 401 find a video event, it directs the stream to the video DMA engine 402) (col. 5, lines 6-7);

Grouping together differently encoded versions of the content (when he parser 401 finds a video event, it directs the streams to the video DMA engine 402. The parser 401 buffers update and DMAs it into the video buffer 410 through the video DMA engine 402. At the same time, the parser 401 directs an event to the event DMA engine 405 which generates an event to the event DMA engine 405 which generate an event into the event buffer 413. When the parser 401 sees an audio event, it redirects the byte stream to the audio DMA engine 403 and generates an event into the event buffer 413. Similarly, when the parser 401 see a private data event, it directs the byte stream to the event buffer 413) (col. 5, lines 6-17);

Obtaining a location identifier associated with the content (actual addresses 610 of each segment) (col. 5, lines 36-40); and

Storing the location identifier (record the event length 609 using the last cached event) (col. 5, lines 40-41).

Barton does not explicitly teach selectively indexing the grouped versions of the content. However, Ottesen teaches "when process by the index parser 33, each of the compress digital video segments 48 is preferably encoded with a unique segment address. A first video segment 48, for example, may be encoded or tagged with an address identifier "A1," while the second discrete video segment 48 may be encoded with an address of "A2"...having indexed each of the video segments 48 with a unique address and stored the video segments on a mass storage device, such as digital storage device 35, reference to specific video segment 48 addresses provides an efficient means for organizing the video segments 48 in a customize manner" (col. 9, lines 60-67 to col. 10, lines 1-9). This suggests for indexing the video segments. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Barton's system to include indexing video segments as taught by Ottesen in order to utilize the index for efficiently searching.

Regarding on claim 53, Barton teaches the method recited in claim 52, wherein the script is programmed in Java script or Visual Basic script (VB) (col. 6, lines 38-40).

Regarding on claim 54, Barton teaches the method recited in claim 52, additionally comprising launching the identified content for playback on a visual display

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according to the location identifier (e.g. fast forward, reverse, play, pause, fast/slow play, indexing, and fast/slow reverse play) (col. 6, lines 40-46).

Regarding on claim 55, Barton teaches the method recited in claim 54, wherein launching the identified content comprises invoking a specific coded video player of a site containing the identified video (col. 6, lines 37-45).

Regarding on claim 56, Barton teaches the method recited in claim 52, wherein the differently encoded versions of the content vary by bit rate (col. 6, lines 37-45).

Regarding on claim 57, Barton teaches the method recited in claim 52, wherein the differently encoded versions of the content vary by video player format (col. 6, lines 37-45).

Regarding on claim 58, Barton teaches the method recited in claim 52, wherein the selectively indexing comprises applying a selection criterion to select one best differently encoded version of the content (col. 5, lines 6-17).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 36-41 are allow over the prior art made of records.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As to claim 36, None of the known prior art neither teaches or suggests " a uniqueness check process configured to check the generated location identifier against the known location identifiers, and eliminate the generated location identifier if it is not unique or predetermined properties have not changed in reference to a known location identifier in the storage; a group process configured to group together

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differently encoded versions of the video content varying by bit rate or player format, and apply a selection criterion to select one best differently encoded version of the video content; and a harvesting process configured to generate a time-based index of the one best differently coded version of the video content, and storing a location identifier, corresponding to the indexed video, in the storage as a known location identifier” and in conjunction with “a spidering process configured to dynamically identify a script associated with at least one video on a network, parse the script associated with the video, execute the parsed script to identify video content, and evaluate the executed script to generate a location identifier of the video content; a storage configured to store known location identifiers;”

As to claim 37, None of known prior art alone or in combination neither teach or suggest “generating a time-based index of the video, wherein the time-based index is generated by determining an absolute time from the beginning of the video, comprising adding a delta time, the delta time representing the time from the beginning of the video to the time when metadata capture begins, to a timecode of the metadata” and in conjunction with “traversing a set of hyperlinked documents by following the hyperlinks from one page to the next so as to identify existence of digital video; identifying multiple versions of a video prior to indexing; and storing the time-based index in a repository along with a hyperlinked location identifier associated with the video being indexed.”

Claims 38-42 are depended on claim 37, therefore, they are allowed under the same reason as claim 37.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Baoquoc N. To whose telephone number is at 571-272-4041 or via e-mail BaoquocN.To@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached at 571-272-4107.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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